

15 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: National Intelligence Survey (NIS) Coverage Plan

REFERENCES: (a) USIB-M-369, 4 February 1965
(b) USIB-D-51.1/8, 28 August 1963

1. In accordance with reference (a), the NIS Committee submits to the United States Intelligence Board (USIB) the attached NIS Coverage Plan reflecting the Committee's recommended long-range production program.

2. Concept

The plan, which is intended to replace the more limited 2-year production forecast formerly submitted each year by the NIS Committee, 1) establishes NIS area priorities for General Survey maintenance, 2) specifies for each NIS area the supplementary topical coverage required over and above that provided by the General Survey, taking into account agency capabilities and available resources, and 3) thereby provides USIB with a broader base of pertinent data with which to carry out its responsibilities as prescribed in reference (b).

3. General Survey

Under the plan the General Survey continues as the primary unit of NIS coverage. General Surveys on some 33 areas of high strategic importance are to be maintained at intervals of about 3 years or less. Some 75 others will be revised on an average of every 4 years. No periodic revision is planned for the remaining areas; maintenance (or in some cases initial production) of these would be undertaken only as warranted by a marked change in an area situation or in its significance to U. S. national security interests.

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Excluded from automatic
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4. Supplementary coverage

Planned supplementary coverage is highly selective and is based on the importance of the specific topic to the area, identifiable user requirements, and availability of alternative coverage. Out of a possible 25 supporting elements for any NIS area, the average planned coverage is only 7. Maintenance cycles will vary among topics and among areas to which specific topics pertain, in accordance with stability of the subject matter and producer capabilities.

5. Production rate

The annual production rate for the General Survey remains at the same level as in previous years. Rates for supplementary elements reflect some reductions; however, the plan shows a re-allocation of more limited production capabilities for concentration on topics of greatest importance to the area and most responsive to user requirements.

6. Application




The NIS Committee requests USIB approval of the plan as a long-range production programing guide. The plan will be implemented flexibly and reviewed annually. Adjustments will be based on changing user requirements, priorities, and production capabilities. It is the Committee's intention routinely to discuss in its Annual Report to USIB any significant changes to the plan. In addition, an annual production schedule will be submitted before the beginning of each fiscal year.

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Attachment:
NIS Coverage Plan

NIS COVERAGE PLAN



-  Priority Maintenance
-  Standard Maintenance
-  Supplementary Coverage Planned

AFRICA

Algeria
 Angola
 Burundi/Rwanda
 Cameroon
 Congo (Brazzaville)
 Congo (Kinshasa)
 Dahomey
 Ethiopia
 Gabon
 Ghana
 Guinea
 Ivory Coast
 Kenya
 Libya
 Malagasy Republic
 Malawi
 Mauritania
 Morocco
 Mozambique
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EASTERN EUROPE

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
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FAR EAST

Burma
 Cambodia
 Communist China
 Sinkiang
 Northeast China
 North China
 South China
 Tibetan Highlands
 Hong Kong/Macao
 Indonesia
 Japan
 Laos
 Malaysia/Brunei
 Mongolia
 Nationalist China
 North Korea
 North Vietnam
 Philippines
 Singapore
 South Korea
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 Thailand

MIDDLE EAST

Afghanistan
 Arabian Peninsula
 Kuwait with (Persian Gulf States)
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MIDDLE EAST (cont'd)

Ceylon	
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Jordan	
Lebanon	
Nepal	
Pakistan	
Syria	
Turkey	

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Total Areas/Volumes																											
Annual Production Rate	30	6	5	6	6-7	2-3	3-4	1-2	4-5	4	2-3	12	7	10	9	6	20	9	12	7	6	8-9	5	7	5	1	2

Areas of lower NIS priority on which General Survey periodic maintenance is not planned

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Bermuda/Bahamas	Equatorial Guinea	Ireland	Malta	Sierra Leone	Surinam	U.S. Islands in the Caribbean
Botswana/Lesotho/Swaziland	French Guiana	Jamaica	Netherlands Antilles	Spanish Sahara	Switzerland	Upper Volta
British Honduras	French West Indies	Liberia	New Zealand	South Atlantic Islands	Togo	West Indies
Canada	Gibraltar	Luxembourg	Niger	South Pacific Islands	Trinidad-Tobago/Barbados	West Pacific Islands
Central African Republic	Greenland					

* Interim updating of the type of basic data appearing in the Area Brief of each General Survey is provided in the semi-annually produced NIS Basic Intelligence Factbook.